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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Proposal for the Organization of an Action Operations Unit

1. I concur in the attached proposal for an Action Operations Unit to be set up at [REDACTED]. In brief it calls for a cadre of

[REDACTED]

2. The proposal was originally based on the premise that [REDACTED] of the vacant slots of the [REDACTED] T/O could be converted to such a use. This turns out to be unworkable because the [REDACTED] was supported by project funds, and it is clear that a project foundation for the action cadre would be unnecessarily complicated and unwieldy. Slotting the members of the cadre in staff rather than project slots would in fact obviate one of the difficulties we encountered in [REDACTED] rigidity of project procedures in the face of rapidly changing personnel requirements.

3. After it was determined that new staff slots would have to be found, several senior officers, including Mr. [REDACTED] studied the question of identifying and converting vacant slots throughout the Clandestine Services to the cadre. This process would require months of negotiation, however, and I believe the cleanest solution would be the creation of thirty new slots.

4. I therefore recommend that you concur in the proposal of the Director of Training for the establishment of the action cadre,

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and that you authorize an increase of [REDACTED] in the OTR ceiling to accommodate the members of the cadre whom we would select from the Clandestine Services.

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Deputy Director (Plans) *15/12/44*

APPROVE:

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Deputy Director (Support)

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